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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is the

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☐ continuation-in-part patent application of

Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: SPRUNK et al.

For: SELF AUTHENTICATION CIPHERTEXT CHAINING

- ☐ This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
60/138,412, filed on June 8, 1999  
the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 6 page(s) of specification  
☒ 1 page(s) of claims  
☒ 1 page of Abstract  
☒ 4 sheet(s) of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawing(s).  
☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ A ☐ signed ☐ unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney  
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☐ A Power of Attorney.  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 ☐ is enclosed ☐ was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.  
☐ A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.  
☐ A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.  
☐ Notification of change of ☐ power of attorney ☐ correspondence address filed in prior application.  
☒ Letter to Official Draftsperson

**In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f),  
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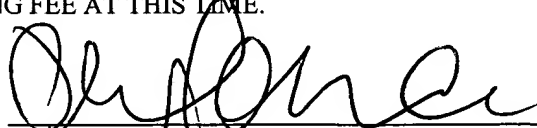
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Enclosed are four (4) sheets of formal drawings to be made of record in the above-  
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